



# Life Topics



Empowering People to Make Informed Choices

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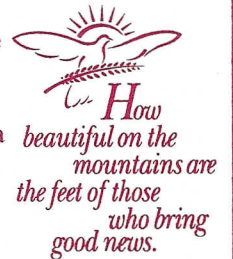
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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S

In John 10:10 Jesus says "The thief comes to rob, kill, and destroy, but I have come that they might have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." It has been a joy and privilege to serve as the executive director of the PCC. My entire life has been changed since I've stepped into this new role two and a half years ago. As I speak with many different women and young people facing life-changing events, I have such an awareness of the brokenness that surrounds us in our community. There are many families suffering silently from broken relationships. This creates a hole which must be filled with something. Some holes are plugged with addictions such as drugs, alcohol, food binging, unhealthy relationships, sex and so on. The enemy comes to destroy life through drugs, alcohol, sex and also through anger, bitterness, jealousy and strife. These are all symptoms of heart issues. One poor decision leads to another poor decision and so often we see the results of hurting people who have plugged the holes with something to forget about the pain and emptiness.



Isaiah 52:7

I spend a lot of time challenging people to examine their lives and be intentional about life. We should live each day as though it may be our last and it truly may be. Living this way give us an appreciation for life and for the people who are in our life. Our time here is so short in light of eternity, we endeavor to take advantage of every opportunity to reach the hurting, broken, lost, and not only meet their tangible needs, but offer them the giver of Life who is able to forgive, heal, restore and set free all who come to Him.

I am still in awe watching God move through the volunteers and staff to touch the hearts of the clients who enter our doors. There is no greater joy than to sit with someone and impart hope, grace, and truth from God's Word and then to look into their eyes and see they really get it. For many, it is the first time they've heard words of life spoken to them. We believe every client visit is divinely appointed by God. It is because of your support through prayers and giving that we are able to minister to the needs in our community which are huge! We are thankful for the churches, organizations, and individuals who support us. We would not be able to share a message of hope without the financial gifts.

Together, we are "Advancing the Kingdom of Heaven in the year of 2007!" May God's grace, mercy and peace be upon you and your families.

*Christie*

### TEEN SURVIVOR PROGRAM



We have been very busy conducting teen survivor programs in the local area. This is a program designed to challenge young people to think about their life and become very intentional. This is a two-day event. We decorate with an "island look" calling it, The Island of Hupo Meno which means to bear up courageously under suffering. We know young people have all experienced hurts, set backs, and losses. We discuss some of the necessary tools to survive in life. Some of the topics included are: Making a PLAN for your life. (Goals/Dreams) Facing PRESSURES that hinder you from attaining the plan such as drugs/sex/alcohol/friends. Understanding the PERSON-YOU. We discuss components of Good Character. Gaining POWER, knowledge of how to survive. PEOPLE, You need a Support System to succeed in Life. PRAYER-it is our lifeline. We have a lot of fun. If you would like more information on this abstinence based program, contact us at 764-0022 or 227-4024.

## From the P.I. Center Director's Desk . .

Ahh— Spring! Gen. 2:7 “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul.” Does this not prove that God gives Life? Is this great or what?!

The value of life is what we stress here at the PCC.

Connie came to the Center for a routine pregnancy test. The results were positive. What was Connie going to do? She had her whole life ahead of her, and a baby was not part of her plans. After counseling and discussing her options, she decided to parent.

Kristy stopped by the Center, excited to chat with us. “I just felt life for the first time.”, she said of her unborn child.

It is important for us to let each mom recognize her life is just as precious as her baby's.

As we think of the Easter season and the many events before and after Christ's resurrection, it is a time of sadness, and tears but also a time of rejoicing and a time to celebrate life! He is not here—He is risen!

We enjoyed conducting an Easter Tea for our clients. 14 adults and 15 children heard the gospel presented. The children had fun doing a craft and searching for Easter eggs!

God bless and I hope you all had a blessed Easter! Eva

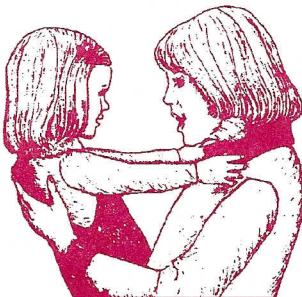
## 17th Annual Walk for Life

Start making plans for our 17th Annual Walk for Life. This year we are making a few changes so more people can participate in this vital fundraiser. We've decided to hold our Walk on Thursday, May 31st starting from Riverside Park. We will begin registration at 6:00 and walk at 7:00. Our walk will end back at the Riverside Park with Ice Cream Sundaes. Due to our increased yearly budget, we will not be giving away prizes as we have in the past, but will use the funds toward the expenses of the Center.

This is a major fundraiser for the Center but it is also a time we set aside to gather together and link arms to show our commitment to Life. As we walk, we are walking for the hurting, the lost, the broken-hearted, the unprotected, and the hopeless who are among us so they might receive life and life more abundantly. Every sponsored step you walk enables us to keep our doors open to serve the needs of the women in our community. It is also an incredible testimony to our community that we believe all life is valuable, precious and has meaning and purpose. Please consider helping us this year. We're hoping this year will be the biggest and best walk ever, but we really can't do it without you!

## Baby Bottle Update

Many thanks go out to the 33 churches and organizations who participated in this fundraising event. Although the fundraiser ended in February, we are still receiving bottles. If you have a bottle, empty or full, please return it so we can store it away until next year. The current total stands in excess of \$16,000. If you would like to know how much your church raised, we have sent letters out to the Pastors. Thank you all for giving so generously!



*Mother's  
Day  
May 13*

## National Mother's Day Baby Shower

Once again, Donna Hale is serving as a local coordinator in the Central Aroostook Area to promote the National Mother's Day Baby Shower. This is a project of Stand True Ministries and is intended to bless local pregnancy centers across the nation with baby clothing, diapers, and all the other baby essentials that centers give to Moms and their little ones. If you would like to help with this project, or promote it in your local church, please call Donna at 896-5213.

There is a public drop off in Caribou at WFST and in Presque Isle at Graves Shop & Save.

Lynn Skehan, will be coordinating this project for the Houlton area. Lynn may be reached at 532-9016. If your church is not participating and you would like to, there is a public drop off for the Houlton area at Paradis Shop & Save.

We really appreciate the willingness of people to give baby items that will in turn be given to Mothers and their children.

One of the needs we have in both the P.I. & Houlton Center is maternity clothing in the larger sizes.

## From Houlton Center Director's Desk



Happy Spring! There has been quite a difference from serving as a board member of the Pregnancy Care Center to being the Houlton Center Director! For three years I had the honor and privilege of serving on the PCC Board. In 2006, I was sensing the Lord's leading regarding the Center Director position in Houlton. After much prayer and helpful discussion with my husband, I decided to resign from the board and apply for the director's position. Here I am . . . Wow! We have been so busy reorganizing the office, giving parenting classes, collecting bottles and money from the Baby Bottle Drive, attending a baby shower, and many other activities. It has been a blessing to be involved in this aspect of the ministry. It has opened my eyes to see exactly how the ministry works and how important it is in our community. The women and men who come through our doors seem so grateful for this ministry. The volunteers are so helpful as they minister and serve the clients

I have such a passion for this ministry. Thirty two years ago I was one of those scared young girls who found herself in an unexpected pregnancy. I believe with all my heart that if there had been a Pregnancy Care Center in Houlton at that time, I would have gone there for a pregnancy test., and found compassionate people to help me. But, there wasn't one. I did make the decision to have an abortion. A decision that I have regretted and will have to live with all my life. But, thankfully, God placed many people and situations into my life to show His relentless love.. Six years after my abortion I gave my life and heart to the Lord. There I found love, forgiveness, hope and peace. We at the PCC want women and men to know that there is love, compassion, help, and no judgment when they walk through our doors. But, we also want to share with them Jesus Christ, the One who loves them and has a plan for their life.

Many thanks to all the churches and schools involved in the Baby Bottle Drive, to Dyer Brook Community Church for the baby shower and to Houlton High School students who collected baby items for the center. Many blessings to you all! Lynn Skehan

## Houlton Singspiration

Houlton Full Gospel Assembly held a Singspiration Friday, March 23rd to benefit the Pregnancy Care Center of Houlton. Many thanks to Donna King who coordinated this project and to all the participants who made this event successful. There was a total of \$445.00 raised.



## Volunteer Training to be Scheduled

The PCC is now accepting applications for volunteer training. Has God blessed you with the special gifts of nurturing and compassion? Do you enjoy giving words of encouragement and hope to others? Do you have a little extra time during the week that you could volunteer and make the difference in someone's life? If you are interested in serving as a volunteer at the PCC or perhaps you'd like to speak to one of us and learn a little more about what we do on a daily basis, please call. We can send you an application and we provide a 22 hour training course equipping you for service. "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another . . ." Hebrews 2:4

**Is there an abortion in your past?** Or in the life of someone you love? Perhaps it was 7 months ago or 17 years ago. If you are a mom, dad, grandparent or sibling who has lost a child through abortion, you may be experiencing unresolved feelings of anger, grief, guilt, or depression. When you are ready to talk, we're here to listen. The PCC offers a confidential one on one abortion recovery program for individuals seeking healing and peace from a past abortion (s). Please call the PCC at 764-0022 or if you would prefer a more private line, you may call 227-4024.



We are pleased to announce the addition of Paul Kinney to our Board of Directors! Paul is a life-time resident of Presque Isle who currently manages real estate. He is a member of the State Street Baptist Church and is a leader of the Christian Service Brigade, a program for boys grades three through twelve. Paul has served on many boards and will bring fresh insights and leadership skills. We are thankful for Paul's commitment to life and his willingness to serve together with us through the ministry of the PCC.

**Pregnancy Care Center of  
Aroostook**

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**Office Hours**

Presque Isle

Tuesday 11:00-3:00  
for Administrative Purposes  
Wednesday 9:00 – 4:00  
Thursday 9:00 – 4:00

Houlton

Tuesdays 12:00 to 4:00 pm  
Thursday 12:00 to 4:00 pm



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**OUR MISSION . . .**

The Pregnancy Care Center of Aroostook seeks to improve the physical, emotional, and spiritual health of our clients and their families by providing compassionate and loving services, while presenting the wisdom of God's Word concerning their sexual behavior and lifestyle choices.



Dads, You are so special and important. We would like to remember you and say Happy Father's Day!

Video Projector available for loan. The PCC has a video projector available for use by churches, organizations, or individuals. The projector is easy to use and set-up and is a great way to make video presentations to your group. The projector is valued at \$3,500 and is loaned on a donation basis only (suggested donation -\$50.)

**Our Services include:**

- ◆ Confidential Peer Counseling
- ◆ Confidential Pregnancy Tests
- ◆ Post-abortion Counseling
- ◆ Educational Programs are offered to both clients and the community at large
- ◆ Christian Parenting Classes
- ◆ Educational Resources (Such as Reference Materials, Videos, and Literature)
- ◆ Material Assistance (Clothing & Supplies)
- ◆ Referrals for medical care, adoption, maternity homes and other services
- ◆ Teen Survivor Program
- ◆ Bible Studies